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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REACTION TO ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL ON LEBANON

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
TOLD EMBOFF JULY 15 THAT SYRIA IS NOT DISPLEASED WITH OUT-
COME OF ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL ON LEBANON. WHEREAS THERE HAD
BEEN GREAT HOSTILITY TO SYRIAN INTERVENTION AT OPENING OF
SESSION, SYRIA HAD SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING MANY COUNCIL
MEMBERS THAT PLO, AND PARTICULARLY FATAH, BORE SIGNIFICANT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERIORATION IN LEBANESE SITUATION. IN
FACT, SYRIAN OFFICIAL SAID, THERE WAS WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT
AT END OF SESSION THAT LEBANON WAS PRIMARILY A LEBANESE
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PROBLEM AND THAT PALESTINIANS HAD BECOME TOO INVOLVED

IN IT.

2. WHILE HE COULD NOT CONFIRM NEWS REPORTS THAT ARAFAT
IS ON HIS WAY TO DAMASCUS FOR RECONCILIATION TALKS,
SYRIAN OFFICIAL SAID SARG WELCOMED CALL FOR SYRIAN-PLO
TALKS AND WANTED THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL.
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